

Senate Bill 215

By: Senator Carter of the 13th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 43-26-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to the "Georgia Registered Professional Nurse Practice Act," so as to revise the definition of "advanced practice registered nurse" to provide for statutory construction of the definition as it relates to certified registered nurse anesthetists; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 43-26-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to the "Georgia Registered Professional Nurse Practice Act," is amended by revising paragraph (1.1) as follows:

"(1.1) 'Advanced practice registered nurse' means a registered professional nurse licensed under this chapter who is recognized by the board as having met the requirements established by the board to engage in advanced nursing practice and who holds a master's degree or other graduate degree approved by the board and national board certification in his or her area of speciality, or a person who was recognized as an advanced practice registered nurse by the board on or before June 30, 2006. This paragraph shall not be construed to require a certified registered nurse anesthetist who graduated from an approved nurse anesthetist educational program prior to January 1, 1999, to hold a master's degree or other graduate degree."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.